

Domestic Animals (Fees) Determination 2025 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2025-97

made under the

Domestic Animals Act 2000, Section 144 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 144 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act) provides that the Minister may determine fees for the Act. This instrument commences on 1 July 2025.

This determination sets application fees for licences and permits that may be granted under the Act.

The determination also deals with the waiver, refund or extension of time to pay fees in certain situations. The Registrar or Deputy Registrar may waive fees:

- In accordance with sections 24(3), 32(4), 70(5) and 92(5) of the Act;
- as part of partnership initiatives with animal centred organisations; and
- in cases of financial hardship.

Providing waivers to certain organisations will contribute to building productive partnerships as committed to in the Canberra Dog Model and help encourage responsible dog ownership, promote high animal welfare standards, and support best-practice animal management in the Territory.

This determination introduces a fee for the transportation of a cat to or from a shelter in accordance with s87 of the Act. This determination also removes fees for a replacement copy of a registration certificate as registration details can now be viewed online.

Schedule 2 of the instrument deals with refunds where the amount of the refund is specified. The Domestic Animals Registrar or Deputy Registrar may refund a fee paid in relation to a permit to keep a cat or dog that is not desexed in specific circumstances. Clause 5 (5) sets out how such a refund will be calculated.

Clause 5 (6) states that the Domestic Animals Registrar or Deputy Registrar may grant a extension of time for payment of any fee in cases of financial hardship.

Indexed Fees

This determination increases fees contained in DI2024-130 by a Wage Price index (WPI) of 3.60% as per advice from ACT Treasury, rounded where appropriate.

Revocation

This determination revokes the previous fee determination [DI2024-130] that set fees for the 2024-2025 financial year.